GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4002
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TELEPHONE BOOTHS TO DISABLED PERSONS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to scrap the scheme under which the disabled had been allottd the telephone booths at the Railway stations across the country as reported in The Hindustan Times dated April 10, 2007;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time since when the scheme was in operation;

(d) whether the Court of the Chief Commissioner for Diabilities had issued a show-cause notice to the Railways in this regard;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Railway thereto;

(f) whether the Railways have decided to provide alternate employment option to the disabled before finally scrapping the scheme; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Since 1981.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Besides above, a number of representations for renewal/extension of contracts of the existing physically handicapped Subscriber Trunk Dialling (STD)/Public Call Office (PCO) booth holders have been recieved from various quarters and it has been dcided to extend the present contracts of persons running Subscriber Trunk Dialling (STD)/Public Call Office (PCO) booths over railway stations which were expiring on 27.4.07 for a further period of three months.

(f): No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.